

## **Bryce T. Miller**

Candidate for Rochester City Council

East District

- Name one issue on which you disagree with the current administration and why.

We need to have better communication with residents, neighborhood leaders, and Neighborhood Associations with city hall. We have gotten away from working together and having a great partnership. We have issues with our North Winton Village library parking lot and talks breaking down between the neighborhood and city hall do to no response from city hall and Cobbs Hill and the current lawsuits with the city just as two examples of how neighborhoods and city hall need to have better working relations and work together.

- What is the most important issue facing your district, and what is a specific proposal or action you propose to address it?

Continuing its growth, supporting area businesses and residents, being heard in City Hall. We need to be more neighborhood friendly as opposed to downtown friendly all the time and work with small quality businesses to come into our neighborhoods. Provide grants for city residents to fix their homes as well. Many homes in the East District are 100 years old. We need to preserve them for the next 100 years or more.

- Please identify one area in the city budget where you think the city should commit more resources than is currently proposed and why.

We need to have more money for our first responders. We need more good community-focused police officers with strong response times, and we also cannot pull funds from our fire department. The accountability board money should

go back to the fire budget where over 300k is being pulled. This is a dangerous situation for our residents having brownouts. We need to make sure we do not put residents in situations of losing homes, or death do to budget cuts or reallocating funds.

- What policies would you pursue to address housing affordability, evictions and/or landlord-tenant relations in your district?

The city should assess whether it would help or hurt neighborhoods. Capping landlords' revenue could deter them from making improvements to their properties. Government needs to make sure that tenants are well taken care of and that rents are fair, but that apartment ownership is financially feasible. In saying that the city should make sure all residents have a safe, clean home. Rochester needs housing that attracts all walks of life: affordable, middle-class and luxury housing.

- Will you vote for the Police Accountability Board as proposed in November – why or why not?

No, I oppose a Police Accountability Board. Instead, the city needs to recruit more police, have better response times, and enable officers to spend more time with citizens. We need to have stronger Police-Community relations. I do support additional police oversight.

- Do you support Mayor Warren's push for a referendum calling for removal of the elected school board in favor of a state takeover of RCSD/appointed board, and why?

I am reviewing what the best solution is at this time.

- What current policy or practice of city government would you seek to change if (re)elected, and why?

We need to get back down the basics and represent the neighbors that we are elected to represent. Being president of North of East Main Neighbors United, and vice chair of

North Winton Village Association, I understand the importance of having strong neighborhoods and representation. The people who elected you need to trust that you are doing good by them every day.